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Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 10/549,857 First Named Applicant: Claudio ZAMPIERI
 Examiner: Cynthia F. Collado Art Unit: 3618 Status of Application: After Non-Final

Tentative Participants:

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 (3) _____ (4) _____

Proposed Date of Interview: Friday, September 12, 2008 Proposed Time: 10:00 (AM)
 Proposed Date of Interview: Monday, September 15, 2008 Proposed Time: 10:00 (AM)
 Proposed Date of Interview: Tuesday, September 16, 2008 Proposed Time: 10:00 (AM)

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☒ Telephonic (2) ☐ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) Rejection	<u>5 & 7</u>	<u>Borel & Hilgarth</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

☐ Continuation Sheet Attached

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

Applicants request the interview by telephone as noted above in order to discuss the rejection of April 23, 2008. In particular, Applicants would like to discuss the rationale behind the combination of the cited Borel U.S. patent publication and the Hilgarth U.S. patent and the Examiner's conclusion that the claim would have been obvious because the substitution of one known element for another would have yielded predictable results to one of ordinary skill in the art, particularly in view of the evidence that has been established in the application.

Earlier telephone calls to the Examiner have been unsuccessful in setting an appointment for the interview. As such, the request is being formalized and is being sent by facsimile to the Examiner and the Examiner's supervisor. The undersigned can be contacted by telephone at 240-994-0730.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____.

NOTE:

This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

/Nils E. Pedersen/

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(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature)

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

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